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REMARKS

The instant amendment supplements the response filed May 28, 2008 to the Office Action issued February 7, 2008. Applicants incorporate the remarks of the May 28, 2008 response herein. This supplemental response is made solely to amend claims 15 and 101 as suggested by the Examiner in the telephonic interview discussed above in the section entitled "Summary of Interview." With respect to the current amendment, Applicants note the following.

Claims 15, 17-20, 22, 24-28, 92, 94-105, 107-113, and 115-121 are currently pending. Claims 16, 21, 23, 29-91, 93, 106 and 114 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of any or all of the pending claims in one or more continuing applications.

As suggested by the Examiner claims 15 and 101 have been amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 21 and 106, respectively. Support for the amendments can be found throughout the claims and specification as originally filed. No new matter has been added to the instant application.

No Disclaimers or Disavowals

Although the present communication may include alterations to the application or claims, or characterizations of claim scope or referenced art, the Applicants are not conceding in this application that previously pending claims are not patentable over the cited references. Rather, any alterations or characterizations are being made to facilitate expeditious prosecution of this application. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue at a later date any previously pending or other broader or narrower claims that capture any subject matter supported by the present disclosure, including subject matter found to be specifically disclaimed herein or by any prior prosecution. Accordingly, reviewers of this or any parent, child or related prosecution history shall not reasonably infer that the Applicants have made any disclaimers or disavowals of any subject matter supported by the present application.

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CONCLUSION


Applicants believe that all outstanding issues in this case have been resolved and that the present claims are in condition for allowance. However, if any issues remain Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned in order to expedite the resolution of such issues.

Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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